In 2020, the Agassiz Neighborhood Council (ANC) started a community conversation about whether to remove Agassiz’s name and instead honor Maria L. Baldwin, educator and first African American headmaster in New England, or a different person or neighborhood element of note. The neighborhood’s namesake, Louis Agassiz, was an American-Swiss biologist, geologist, and Harvard professor, who promoted the theory of polygenesis, the belief that God created each human “race” as separate species. Polygenesis has been used to justify white supremacy and advance racial inequities. ANC is looking for the broader community to lend its voice to this process.

Learn more:

- Watch videos, read written statements and review resources about the history of Agassiz, Baldwin and the neighborhood, and how other residents feel about renaming

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